GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN POST-MORTEMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that post-mortems are delayed as a result of which the families of the deceased have to face a lot of problems in Government hospitals;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government are considering to get the autopsy done within four hours of a death;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government are considering to review the method of post-mortem; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (g): So far as Central Government Hospitals - Safdarjung Hospital andLHMC & Associated Hospitals, are concerned, post-mortems are conducted within 3-4 hours on receipt of the inquest documents from the concerned authorities. There is also no delay in carrying out the post-mortem examination in the All India Institute of medical Sciences.No proposal is under consideration of this Ministry to review the method of post-mortem.